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TOWN HALL CALENDAR

Dec. 16: Town Council regular meeting (7 p.m.)

Dec. 23-25: HOLIDAY
(Town offices and facilities closed)

Jan. 1: HOLIDAY (Town offices and facilities closed)

Jan. 5: Town Council regular meeting (7 p.m.)

Meetings are in the Council Chambers in building B at Town Hall, 900 Seventh Ave. Town Council regular meetings are recorded and broadcast (not live) on GTVII (Time Warner 11, AT&T U-verse 99).



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GARNER UPDATE

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Fun for Four-Legged Friends

The Town Council has given the go-ahead for the Town's first dog park at Garner Recreational Park on Garner Road. The half-acre amenity will cost about \$75,000 and will be constructed in-house by the Town's Public Works Department. The project should be completed in the spring. Funds for the project will come from parks and recreational bonds approved by voters in March 2013. For a summary of current or completed bond projects, please see page 2.



To learn about the status of current bond projects, visit garnerbonds.com.

Engineering Firm Moving Headquarters to Garner

An engineering firm's planned move to Greenfield North Business Park could be a sign of many good things to come for Garner on the economic development front.

State officials announced on Dec. 5 that 89 new jobs would be coming to Garner over the next three years as Overland Contracting, Inc., opens its headquarters in Garner with \$8.4 million investment in facilities.

"We're very excited about this great economic development news, and we welcome Overland Contracting to

our All-America City," Mayor Ronnie Williams said. "Overland will be a terrific addition to Greenfield."

"We believe today's announcement marks the beginning of a new phase of major investment in Garner," the mayor said. "We have a number of very attractive site options for businesses in Greenfield, at the Garner Technology Center and in other parts of Garner. We are excited to be a big player in the growth and investment boom in the Research Triangle region."

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A Message from the Mayor



Watch the mayor's "Great People in Garner" on GTV 11 (Time Warner 11, AT&T 99) and on demand at garnernc.gov and youtube.com/townofgarner.

We approach the end of another tremendous year in this community. So much is going on that it's hard to keep track of it all, but here are a few of the highlights.



The Town started the year with a credit rating upgrade, a sign that Town staff and elected officials are doing a solid job of managing the Town's finances.

In 2014, there was an upsurge in new development, perhaps most notably with the beginning of the Cabela's project and attendant roadway improvements. News that a Carolina Ale House will be built next to the

Cabela's heightened our enthusiasm about what's to come in the area.

The Town also had development news of its own. Our Bond Program got underway in earnest in 2014. We broke ground on our new police station, completed a significant sidewalk project and wrapped up roadway improvements along U.S. 70 near Jessup Drive.

On the economic development front, we're closing the year on an extremely strong note with the announcement that Overland Contracting, Inc., will be moving here.

Meanwhile, the Town continued to provide great services. Town staff's excellent quality of work has been

reaffirmed with outside validation in a number of ways, including the Police Department's reaccreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies; the Public Works Department's accreditation from the American Public Works Association (the first in the state); the Senior Center's recertification by the state as a Center of Excellence and several more statewide awards for the Town's communications efforts.

I fully expect the momentum to keep building in 2015. Happy holidays to everyone!

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Overland

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Overland Contracting provides comprehensive engineering, procurement and construction services in energy, water and telecommunications. The parent company, Black & Veatch, is among the Forbes 500 largest private companies in the United States. Black & Veatch currently employs nearly 200 workers located between Wake and Mecklenburg counties, according to a news release from the Governor's Office.

Overland Contracting's leadership and management team will operate out of the new Garner headquarters. New employees will include project construction positions and operational associates to handle procurement, finance and human resources. Salaries will vary by job function, but the average annual payroll for the new jobs is approximately \$7.4 million, the Governor's Office said in its news release.

TOWN OF GARNER BOND PROGRAM

Dog Park OK'd; Two Projects Done

The Town Council has given approval for a dog park to be built with bond funds at Garner Recreational Park. The project should be completed in the spring. There are funds for a second dog park, but the location has yet to be determined.

Here is a quick yearend roundup of the status of other bond projects:

- Roadwork on U.S. 70 east-bound around Jessup Drive is complete.
- The Claymore Drive/Buckingham Road sidewalk project is complete.
- Construction on police station began in August; target completion is August 2015.
- 25 parcels totaling 6.8 acres purchased for indoor recreation

center site, parking and improvements to Montague Street.

- Funding approved for Woodland North street lighting project; Duke Energy will complete project as their schedule allows.
- Design work underway for new concessions and restroom structures, dugout covers at Garner Recreational and South Garner parks.
- Schematic design work getting underway for indoor recreation center; target completion is fall 2016.
- Schematic design has begun for new Town Hall; target completion is fall 2016.

For more information, please visit garnerbonds.com.



Town Welcomes New Assistant Planning Director

The Town has brought a new assistant planning director on board to boost capacity in anticipation of robust residential and commercial growth in Garner in the coming years.



Jeff Triezenberg fills a new position funded in the Town's fiscal year 2014-15 operating budget.

He brings 10 years of experience as a senior planner in the Town of

Knightdale and over six years with the City of Burlington as a planner and GIS administrator. His past areas of focus have included comprehensive long-range planning, consulting contract management, GIS administration, historic preservation, website development, bicycle and pedestrian planning, parks and recreation planning, downtown redevelopment and brownfields redevelopment, among others.

Triezenberg holds a master's degree in regional planning from UNC-Chapel Hill with a focus

in real estate development. He also has a bachelor's degree from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich., where he double majored in geography and sociology/economics/environmental studies.

Triezenberg's professional certifications include AICP (American Institute of Certified Planners); GISP (certified GIS professional) and licensed real estate broker. He has also finished the Municipal Administration Course and Community Development Academy at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Government.



Giving Back to the Community

On Oct. 24, 37 volunteers from Lowe's stores in Garner (U.S. 401/70) and the Cleveland (40/42) area installed new landscaping on the grounds of the Garner Senior Center and repaired benches at the adjacent Garner Recreational Park. The work involved 245 volunteer hours plus donated shrubbery, flowers and materials for the repairs for a total in-kind donation of several thousand dollars. The public-service project was part of the stores' Lowe's Heroes program.

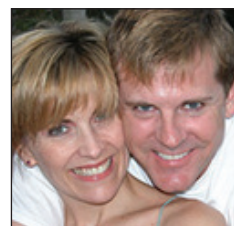
Santa's Coming to Town ... for Brunch!

Join us for pancakes, a holiday craft and pictures with Santa at Garner Performing Arts Center on **Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 9:30**

a.m. For more information and to register for this event, visit garnerperformingartscenter.com/WhatsPlaying.asp.

Broadway Voices Begins Dec. 13 with 'Phantom' Duo

The sparks were real when Gary Mauer and Elizabeth Southard took the Broadway stage as the Phantom and Christine in "Andrew Lloyd Webber's Phantom of the Opera."



They met while working on a cruise ship, playing a pair of newlyweds. They later married in real life.

Mauer has played both the Phantom and Raoul opposite Southard. They were cast together as Gaylord Ravenal and Magnolia Hawks in Harold Prince's "Showboat."

Mauer and Southard bring their chemistry to Garner Performing Arts Center (742 W. Garner Road) for a presentation of "Broadway Bliss" on **Saturday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m.** The concert kicks off the fifth annual Broadway Voices series.

Individual tickets are \$35. For ticket information and more on the show, visit garnerperformingartscenter.com.



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Mayor's Show Wins Statewide Award

The Town of Garner and PEG Media Partners earned a first-place 2014 Excellence in Communications Award from the N.C. Association of Government Information Officers for the television program "Great People in Garner" with Mayor Ronnie Williams.



To see what's on GTV11, visit garnernc.gov/GTV11/Default.aspx.

The interview-format show, which airs in Garner and some of its surrounding areas on GTV11 (Time Warner channel 11, AT&T U-verse channel 99), features members of the Garner community who have made significant contributions to the town. The program, which comes out about 10 times a year, is available on demand at garnernc.gov and on the Town's YouTube channel (youtube.com/townofgarner), where all episodes are archived.

PEG Media Partners editor and videographer Adam Carroll directs "Great People in Garner." The Town's communications manager, Rick Mercier, produces the program.

"I am proud of this honor," Mayor Ronnie Williams said. "We put a lot of work into trying to do a program



Mayor Ronnie Williams interviews Beth and Scott Honeycutt during a recently recorded episode of 'Great People in Garner.'

that showcases the people who make Garner a great place to be and an All-America City."

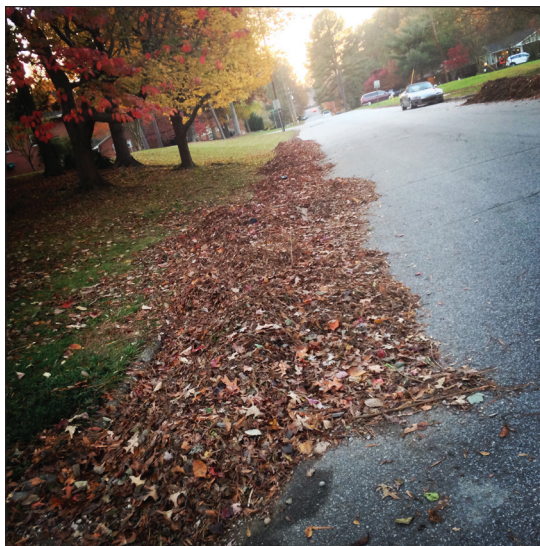
The Town and PEG Media Partners have collaborated on other award-winning projects including a documentary on the Garner Police Department and

an All-America City video featuring "American Idol" winner and country music star Scotty McCreery.

Last year, the Town won two Excellence in Communications Awards from the NCAGIO in the categories of social media and print publications.

You Can Just Leaf It to Us

The Town's annual loose leaf collection has begun. Leaves will be collected every recycle day through Feb 28. For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at (919) 772-7600.



Town of Garner Sets Holiday Solid-Waste Collection Schedule

Due to the holidays, the Town will not have solid-waste collection on Thursday, Dec. 25 and Thursday, Jan. 1.

During the two weeks in which those days fall, Thursday routes will receive Friday service, and Friday routes will receive Saturday service.

Monday-Wednesday routes will be served on their regular schedules.

For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at (919) 772-7600.